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## STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY KIM BELSHÉ

Sacramento County Superior Court Tentative Ruling on Emergency Regulations for Nurse Staffing (California Nurses Association vs. Schwarzenegger, et al.)

"The state's regulatory action on nurse-to-patient staffing ratios is based on a solid legal foundation and is consistent with the Administration's priority of protecting patient safety while ensuring access to care."

"We are disappointed by the tentative ruling issued by the court this afternoon, but look forward to having the opportunity to present the state's case at tomorrow's hearing.

"If the court's final ruling is consistent with today's tentative ruling, the Department of Health Services intends to pursue all legal remedies."

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